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SUBJECT: SHITIKOV COMMENTS ON MIDDLE EAST

1. A. P. SHITIKOV, CHAIRMAN OF ONE HOUSE OF SUPREME SOVIET, TOLD JAY AXELBANK OF NEWSWEEK AT RECEPTION OCT 26 THAT BREZHNEV POSTPONED HIS SPEECH TO WORLD PEACE CONGRESS SCHEDULED OCT 25 BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. HE SAID BREZHNEV IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT 1600 MOSCOW TIME OCT 26.

2. SHITIKOV ALSO ASSERTED TO AXELBANK THAT "KISSINGER SPOKE TO BREZHNEV IN MOSCOW ONE WAY, THEN WENT TO TEL AVIV AND TOLD THE ISRAELIS TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE MORE TERRITORY."

(EMBOFF SUGGESTED TO AXELBANK THAT HE TAKE THAT WITH A GRAIN OF SALT, SINCE SHITIKOV PROBABLY IS NOT INFORMED AND WAS GIVING A PERSONAL REACTION; HOWEVER, AXELBANK SEEMED MUCH IMPRESSED BY THIS RARE INSTANCE WHEN A SOVIET OFFICIAL SAID SOMETHING TO HIM OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

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